



Small business fair, BSM store, STEM conference

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Small business fair highlights helpful resources

The Laboratory's Small Business Program hosted a Small Business Resource Fair at Buffalo Thunder on October 3, aiming to highlight the range of resources available in the region to support small businesses. Taking part were representatives from the Laboratory's quality, safety, and procurement groups; the New Mexico Procurement Technical Assistance Center; the Regional Development Corporation; the New Mexico Small Business Development Center; the U.S. Small Business Administration; the U.S. General Services Administration; and several other small business resources.

Among the tips and advice on offer was information on doing business with the Laboratory and other government entities. The event also included matchmaking sessions for businesses to consult with relevant resources, to see if there might be a way to work together.

"This was a great opportunity for small businesses to meet and learn about doing business with the Laboratory, and network with the many resources that are available to help them," says Chris Fresquez of the Lab's Small Business Program. "The response and feedback from the resources and small businesses in attendance has been nothing but positive. I am hopeful that we can team up with our internal Laboratory organizations, and our outstanding small business resource partners to provide more of these events in the future."

BSMA Gadgets Gift Shop manager Shari Foley (center) and BSMA volunteer Pam Sutton (right) help one of the first customers at the expanded kiosk.

New store for BSMA at Bradbury Science Museum

Gadgets - the small sales kiosk run by the nonprofit [Bradbury Science Museum Association](#) at the Bradbury Science Museum – has undergone a major facelift. Unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 9 the expanded shop can now display and carry a larger selection of Laboratory, Los Alamos, and science-themed apparel, books, tech accessories and other gifts.

Opened in January of 2017 in the lobby of the Bradbury Science Museum, the store has been popular with locals and tourists alike, with sales supporting the BSMA's mission to

fund STEM activities for K-12 students in Northern New Mexico. While sales had been brisk, the small size of the previous portable kiosk limited available stock and the variety of goods offered. With the new shop open, there's now even more reason to come visit the Museum.

Educator Pam Dresher from the Laboratory's Bradbury Science Museum works with girls at the Expanding Your Horizons conference.

STEM conference highlights opportunities for girls

Inspiring young women to pursue their interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) was the focus of the Fall 2018 Santa Fe [Expanding Your Horizons](#) conference, presented by STEM Santa Fe and hosted by Santa Fe Community College on October 13.

Nearly 200 fifth- through eighth-grade girls attended the event, which featured STEM-related workshops run by women professionals, a STEM and college careers fair, and a keynote address by France A. Córdova, director of the National Science Foundation. Los Alamos National Laboratory was proud to support the event. "The conference is meant to inspire girls to consider careers in STEM." says Lina Germann, CEO of STEM Santa Fe. "By having girls 10-14 years old coming together enjoying hands-on STEM projects and interacting in small groups with women in STEM, we are reaching out to these girls at the right age to leave a lasting impression."

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